

House Resolution 422

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A RESOLUTION

1 To create the House Climate Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, there is notable scientific evidence that the Earth is undergoing climate change
3 due to increases in the Earth's temperatures around the globe; and

4 WHEREAS, according to a recently released report from the United States government's top
5 climatologist published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, if nothing
6 is done, within 45 years, temperatures on Earth will be hotter than at any time during the past
7 1 million years; and

8 WHEREAS, such global climate change may have substantial and deleterious effects upon
9 Georgia's economy, environment, natural resources, and people, as scientists predict that
10 without corrective measures, the world will experience more record heat waves, wildfires,
11 and more intense storms and flooding of coastal areas, among other things; and

12 WHEREAS, scientists have stressed that there is no time for delay in addressing the problem
13 of climate change because it takes so long for the climate system itself to respond to
14 corrective measures; and

15 WHEREAS, it is prudent to study the effects that global climate change may have on the
16 State of Georgia and to consider appropriate responses of this state to address global climate
17 change and problems likely to be associated with it.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 there is created the House Climate Study Committee to be composed of five members of the
20 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
21 The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.
22 The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
2 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
3 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
4 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
5 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
6 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
7 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
8 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
9 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
10 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
11 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of
12 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
13 report shall be made on or before December 1, 2007. The committee shall stand abolished
14 on December 1, 2007.